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Ms. Peggy Casey
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Federal Highway Administration
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Dear Ms. Casey:

RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for U.S. Route 67 (Madison, Wayne, and Butler Counties, Missouri)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the U.S. 67 construction of a divided multi-lane highway between Fredericktown and Neelyville, Missouri. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The FEIS was assigned the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) number 20050277.

Our review of the June 2001 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project resulted in a rating of "LO" (Lack of Objections). In that letter, EPA offered comments pertaining to cumulative impacts, mitigation measures for significant resource areas and wetland functional assessment. EPA appreciates the additional investigation and analysis given to these issues.

The EPA commends the work of all those persons and agencies involved in developing this FEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. Cothorn".

Joseph E. Cothorn
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